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For: HEAVY-HYDROGENATED NORBORNYL (METH) ARCYLATES, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THEM, POLYMERS THEREOF AND OPTICAL MEMBERS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report from the EPO dated October 17, 2008, in a counterpart application citing such

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documents. Applicant notes that CA 1303626 is a Patent family member of EP 0268192 and is not directly cited in the Supplementary European Search Report.

For the Examiner's benefit, Applicants note that EP 0268192 corresponds to DE 3639117A1 and JP 63-130563, which have previously been submitted to the USPTO in the IDS's filed January 24 and July 11, 2006, respectively, and considered by the Examiner.

Applicants further note that the second document listed in the Supplementary European Search Report, DE 19860832, is cited solely as an "A" category document for technological background.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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